fishermen, 54 Prisoners of War, and 2 missing Indian defence personnel are presently believed to be in Pakistan's custody. 108 Pakistani fishermen are presently under detention in India.

(c) Consular access to the prisoners is being granted from time to time. Consular access was provided to 10 Indian civilian prisoners on December 18,2003. India granted consular access to 24 Pakistani civilian prisoners in June, 2004. In addition, India has granted consular access to 103 Pakistani fishermen, and secured consular access to 267 Indian fishermen in Pakistan's custody.

(d) As per available information, 109 Pakistani nationals are facing trial in various courts in India. They can be released after completion of due procedure.

Visas to foreigners and their overstay in India

955. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of visas issued to foreigners to visit India during the last three years;

(b) how many cases have been reported regarding the foreigners over stay in the country after the expiry of the allowed date endorsed in those visas; and

(c) the action taken by Government in these overstay cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Number of visas issued to foreigners to visit India during the last three years are as follows:

Year	No. of visas issued
2001	14,87,283
2002	14,99,083
2003	16,33,143

(b) As per the reports received from State authorities, a total of 51,522 foreigners were overstaying in the country as on 31.12.2003.

(c) On detection of overstay by foreign nationals, action is taken against them as per the rules under the Foreigners Act such as financial penalty, deportation, debarring from entry into the country again and imprisonment.